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Public Hearings and Meetings
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Hearings

August 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Pursuant to §§ 29.014, 29.041, 29.197 and 227.11(2)(a), Stats., interpreting §§ 29.014, 29.041 and 29.885, Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold public hearings on revisions to ch. NR 10, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to the 2009 migratory game bird seasons and waterfowl hunting zones. Season dates and bag limits will be set for ducks and Canada geese. Under international treaty and federal law, migratory game bird seasons are closed unless opened annually via the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regulatory process. Because of the timing of Wisconsin's rule process and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rule process, the actual season lengths, dates and bag limits cannot be determined at this time for much of the rule. For more information contact James Christopoulos, Assistant DNR Migratory Game Bird Ecologist at (608) 261-6458. The hearings will all begin at 7 p.m. and will be held:

August 3, La Crosse - State Office Bldg, Rooms B-19 and B-20, 3550 Mormon Coulee Rd,

August 4, Rice Lake - Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC), Room 243, 1900 College Dr.,

August 5, Appleton - Agricultural Services Center, Main conference room, 3369 West Brewster St.

August 6, Pewaukee - Comfort Suites Lake Country, Thunder Bay room, N14 W24121 Tower Place.

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August 5 - Pursuant to § 227.41, Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold a public informational hearing to receive comments, provide information and respond to questions regarding the determination of the location of the ordinary high water mark for Lake Michigan within the City of Two Rivers extending north from School Street to the intersection of 16th Street and Zlatnick Drive. The hearing will begin at ****NOTE TIME CHANGE** 9 a.m.** and, if necessary, will continue on Thursday August 6 starting at 9 a.m. at the Lester Public Library Webster Meeting Room, 1001 Adams St., **Two Rivers**. On June 1, 2009 the DNR petitioned itself for a declaratory ruling regarding the location of the ordinary high water mark along Lake Michigan in the City of Two Rivers, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. The area is located in Section 1, Township 19 North, Range 24 East and Section 6, Township 19 North, Range 25 East. On July 7, 2009 the department granted the petition. As part of the declaratory ruling process, the department has scheduled a hearing to afford full opportunity for hearing to interested parties. The public may make statements, offer evidence or ask questions concerning the matter being heard. Such statements need not be made under oath. Cross-examination of those who speak is not permitted, but the presiding officer may allow clarifying questions addressed to those who speak. The presiding officer shall determine the order in which people may speak, and may continue the hearing on another date or limit the length of the presentations if it appears there will not be enough time for all who wish to speak, or if the presentations are unduly repetitious. Written comments on the ordinary high water mark determination may be submitted to Bob Wakeman, 141 NW Barstow Street, Room 180, Waukesha, WI 53188 and must be received no later than August 20, 2009. Written comments will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the hearing. The Department will consider all timely comments, written and oral, before it makes a determination of the ordinary high water mark at this site. People presenting elevation data, should use datum IGLD 85 in feet. For more information contact Bob Wakeman at (262) 574-2149.

August 6 - Pursuant to §§ 30.77(3)(2r), and 227.01(3)(a) Wis. Stats., the State of Wisconsin Division of Hearings and Appeals will hold a Class 1 contested case public hearing on the matter of the objection of the Tri-County PowerBoat Alliance to the Slow-No-Wake Ordinance Number B 10 for the Town of Wolf River Waters Enacted by the Town of Wolf River in Winnebago County, Wisconsin at 10 a.m. in the Airport Conference Room (Located on the Main Floor) at the Wittman Regional Airport, 525 West 20th Avenue, **Oshkosh**. On April 27, 2009, the Town Board of the Town of Wolf River, Winnebago County enacted a slow-no-wake ordinance to regulate boating upon the waters of the Town of Wolf River. The Department of Natural Resources received a request for hearing objecting to ordinance number B 10 from Attorney Richard J. Carlson, on behalf of the Tri-County Powerboat Alliance on March 30, 2009. For more information call the Division of Hearings and Appeals at (608) 266-7709.

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Meetings

August 2 - The 2009 Wisconsin Post Mississippi Flyway Council waterfowl season information meeting will be held at the Plaza Hotel & Suites, 201 N 17th Ave., Wausau. DNR staff will meet with members of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress waterfowl committee at 9 a.m. and a general information meeting will be held at 1 p.m., both in the Three Rivers Room. DNR waterfowl biologists will present information on waterfowl surveys and proposals and recommendation for waterfowl season structure that the Mississippi Flyway Council presented July 29-30 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for their consideration in setting a federal framework under which states can then set waterfowl hunting seasons. . The Mississippi Flyway Council is made up of waterfowl specialists from the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin and the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, and Saskatchewan of Canada within the Mississippi Waterfowl Flyway. After USFWS sets a season framework, public hearings on Wisconsin's proposed waterfowl seasons will be held in August 3, 4, 5 & 6 (see public hearings listing). The final Wisconsin seasons will be set by the state Natural Resource Board at its Aug. 12 meeting in Hayward. For more information contact James Christopoulos, Assistant DNR migratory game bird ecologist at (608) 261-6458.

August 4 -- The Natural Areas Preservation Council [<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/sna/napc.htm>] will meet from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Sauk County UW-Extension Office, Room 213, 505 Broadway St., **Baraboo**, to discuss the protection and management of Wisconsin State Natural Areas. For more information, contact Thomas Meyer at (608)266-0394 or thomas.meyer@wisconsin.gov.

August 6, 17 & 31 - The Department of Natural Resources will be hosting three public meetings next month to discuss issues related to pheasants. Topics include the cooperative Day-old Chick Program, pheasant stocking, hunter recruitment, the State Game Farm and general pheasant hunting questions. Area DNR staff will also be on hand to answer local wildlife questions. For more information, contact the Game Farm office at 608-635-8120. Meetings begin at 7 pm at the following locations on the date listed:

August 6, Mayville - Field & Stream Sportsman's Club, N9979 County Road Y.

August 17, Green Bay - Brown County Sportsmen's Club, 1711 W Deerfield Ave.

August 31, Eau Claire - Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club, 801 Schoettl Ave.

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